

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent of:)
Risan, et al.) Confirmation No.: 5340
Application No.: 10/772,025)
Patent No.: 7,570,761) Examiner: Moorthy, Aravind K.
Filing Date: 02/03/2004) Art Unit: 2431
For: Method and System for Preventing)
Unauthorized Recording of Media)
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Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment Indicated in Issue Notification

Dear Sir:

In response to the Issue Notification, Petitioners respectfully request review of the calculated Patent Term Adjustment to ensure that an error was not made. This Request/Petition is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.705(d) and in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of the same section. Please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

1. This request is for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the Issue Notification. A previous request for reconsideration was filed under 37 CFR §1.705(b) following the notice of allowance, but was ruled untimely (too early) by the USPTO in a "decision" mailed June 29, 2009. The response suggested that the Petitioners could re-file for adjustment for two months following issuance, and that a copy of the decision should be submitted with the re-filing. The decision also indicated that reconsideration of patent term adjustment could be sought without payment of an additional fee, as the \$200 fee had already been paid.

2. Petitioners submit herewith:
- A copy (attached) of the June 29, 2009 decision on the previous petition for PTA.
 - A "Statement of the Correct Patent Term Adjustment: Basis(es) under 1.702 for the Adjustment," in compliance with 37 CFR 1.705 (b)(2)(iv)(B).
3. The patent granted is subject to two terminal disclaimers that were filed during prosecution. No expiration date is specified in either terminal disclaimer.
4. As to circumstances during the prosecution of this application constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of this application as set forth in 1.704 (37 C.F.R. 1.705(b)(2)(iv)): there were as follows (37 C.F.R. 1.705(b)(2)(iv)(A)):
- 11/13/2007, Applicant delay of 6 days in filing response; and
 - 5/6/2008, Applicant delay of 5 days in filing RCE.
5. The fee set forth in 1.18(e) (\$200.00), required by 37 C.F.R. 1.705(b)(1), is paid as follows:

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- Per the decision of 29 June 2009 (attached hereto) no fee should be required.
- However, if any fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 50-4157. At any time during the review of this request/petition, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-4157 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF THE CORRECT PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT: BASIS(ES) UNDER
1.702 FOR THE ADJUSTMENT (37 C.F.R. 1.705(b)(2)(i) and (ii))

1. This statement is being submitted in support of the "Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment Indicated in Issue Notification" to which this statement is attached.

37 C.F.R. 1.705(b)(2)(i)

2. The patent term adjustment shown on the Notice of Allowance and in the Issue Notification is: 845 days. It is respectfully suggested that the correct patent term adjustment under 1.702 is: 1118 days.

37 C.F.R. 1.705(b)(2)(ii)

3. Under 1.705(b)(2)(ii) applicant must set forth: "The relevant dates as specified in 1.703(a) through(e) for which an adjustment is sought and the adjustment as specified in 1.703(f) to which the patent is entitled." The adjustment is sought for the following date range: between 8/07/2007 & 5/06/2008. Adjustment to be made for this date range: 273 days.

The basis on which the Petitioners seek adjustment is as follows: A First Action on the merits was received 856 days after the 14-mo. date. The 3-year rule to allowance violated has been by 273 days (8/07/2007 - 5/06/2008) that did not overlap the 14-mo. violation. Applicant delays of 6 days & 5 days reduce this; however applicant delay has been accounted for in PTA of 845 days. Per Wyeth v. Dudas (580 F. Supp. 2d 138; 88 U.S.P.Q.2D (BNA) 1538, Sept. 30, 2008), which is currently on appeal, the USPTO's view that any administrative delay under 35 U.S.C.S. § 154(b)(1)(A) overlapped any three-year maximum pendency delay under § 154(b)(1)(B) could not be squared with language of § 154(b)(1)(B), as "B delay" began when PTO had failed to issue patent within three years, not before. In accordance with this ruling Petitioners submit that the total PTA should = 845d + 273d = 1118 days rather than the 845 days indicated on the issue notification.

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This is in response to the "Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment Indicated in Notice of Allowance (37 C.F.R. 1.705" filed June 8, 2009. Applicant requests that the determination of patent term adjustment be corrected from eight hundred forty-five (845) days to one thousand one hundred eighteen (1,118) days. Applicant requests this correction on the basis that the Office will take in excess of three years to issue this patent and in light of the recent court decision in Wyeth v. Dudas, No. 07-1492 (D.D.C. September 30, 2008).

As the instant application for patent term adjustment requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment as it relates to the Office's failure to issue the patent within three years of the filing date, a decision is being held in abeyance until after the actual patent date. Knowledge of the actual date the patent issues is required to calculate the amount, if any, of additional patent term patentee is entitled to for Office failure to issue the patent within three years. See 37 CFR 1.703(b). (This is true even in this instance where a request for continued examination (RCE) was filed.) The computer will not undertake the § 1.703(b) calculation until the actual date of issuance of the patent has been determined. Accordingly, it is still too soon to make a determination as to the correctness of any period of adjustment that will or will not be entered pursuant to § 1.703(b)).

Applicant is given TWO (2) MONTHS from the issue date of the patent to file a written request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for Office failure to issue the patent within three years. A copy of this decision should accompany the request. Applicant may seek such consideration without payment of an additional fee. However, as to all other bases for seeking reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent, all requirements of § 1.705(d) must be met. Requests for reconsideration on other bases must be timely filed and must include payment of the required fee.

Rather than file the request for reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance, applicant is advised that they may wait until the time of the issuance of the patent and file a request for reconsideration of the patent term pursuant to 37 CFR 1.705(d). The USPTO notes that it does not calculate the amount of time earned pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(b) until the time of the issuance of the patent and accordingly, the Office will consider any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment due to an error in the calculation of 37 CFR 1.702(b) to be timely if the request for reconsideration is filed within two months of the issuance of the patent.

It is acknowledged that applicant is correct that any period of adjustment will be entered in light of 35 U.S.C. 154(B) GUARANTEE OF NO MORE THAN 3-YEAR APPLICATION PENDENCY, which provides that:

Subject to the limitations under paragraph (2), if the issue of an original patent is delayed due to the failure of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue a patent within 3 years after the actual filing date of the application in the United States, not including —

- (i) any time consumed by continued examination of the application requested by the applicant under section 132(b);

It is noted that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed in this application on May 6, 2008.

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Kenya A. McLaughlin, Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3222.

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